

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Outlet Sampling and Plumbing Assessment Recommendations

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On Friday, October 30, 2015, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (DLARA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) conducted an assessment of Eisenhower Elementary School's plumbing system to gain a comprehensive understanding of how water moves through the building and what types of plumbing materials are used. Two outlet buildings in addition to the main school building were included in the assessment. The assessment identified the following potential sources of lead leaching into drinking water:

- Lead solder joints on copper piping
- Brass valves and brass fittings
- Brass components in fixtures
- Galvanized piping

The assessment also identified 43 faucets or fountains that provide water for drinking, cooking, and/or food preparation, 37 faucets/fountains in the main school building, four faucets/fountains in out building unit 1, and two faucets/fountains in out building unit 2. The team developed a sequence for sampling the faucets/fountains in each building based on how the water travels through each building.

On Saturday, October 31, 2015, the DEQ and the DLARA completed sampling of the 37 faucets/fountains in the main school building, the four faucets/fountains in out building unit 1, and the two faucets/fountains in out building unit 2, each in the order determined by the plumbing assessment from the previous day, following a stagnation period of over 12 hours. At each of the 43 faucets/fountains identified, staff collected four samples. Two initial, 125-milliliter samples (P1 and P2), were collected immediately after turning on the tap. The water was then flushed for 30 seconds and a third, 125-milliliter sample (F01) was collected. Finally, the water was flushed for another two minutes, and the fourth 125-milliliter sample (F02) was collected. These samples were used to determine the impact of any lead sources in and around each specific faucet/fountain and its connecting plumbing.

The DEQ and the DLARA then completed consecutive sampling at three of the 37 faucets/fountains in the main school building, one of the four faucets/fountains in out building unit 1, and one of the two faucets/fountains in out building unit 2, five sites in total. This consecutive sampling was used to determine the impact of any lead sources located deep in the supply plumbing at each of these buildings. The three sites in the main school building included one site near the building service line, one site near the plumbing mid-point, and one site at the far end of the plumbing system. At each of these five sites, staff collected 10, 1-liter samples. The 10 samples were collected immediately after turning on the tap, and consecutively, without any flushing time in between.

WATER SERVICE INFORMATION

A four-inch diameter cast iron water service line enters the main school building in the boiler room northwest wall located in the west corner of the building. Piping in the boiler room immediately transitions into galvanized metal piping for cold water lines. Three separate galvanized cold water supply lines exit the boiler room. One in the north corner serves a single hose bib directly outside the boiler room. A second line exits the southeast wall and serves the adjacent janitors closet and dressing room bathrooms. The third line exits the boiler room on the northeast side through a utility tunnel that runs below the school hallways and serves all rooms in the main school building. This supply line then runs between the first and second floors on the southeast end of

the building. Copper piping with lead solder joints branches off of the galvanized supply line for cold water supply to each room. Hot water is distributed in continuous loops that feed from and return to a central water heater in the boiler room. Hot water piping material, where exposed, was copper piping with lead solder joints. Brass valves were seen throughout the building.

Out building unit 1 has a separate customer service line from the City water main constructed using copper piping material. The service line comes out of the ground beneath the building and within the building is copper pipe with lead free solder joints.

Out building unit 2 has a separate customer service line from the City water main constructed using copper piping material. The service line comes out of the ground beneath the building and within the building is copper pipe with lead free solder joints.

Outlets With Lead Levels Greater Than 15 Parts per Billion

The DEQ recommends school facilities take action if samples from any drinking water outlets show lead levels greater than 15 parts per billion. Based on the sampling conducted at 43 faucets/fountains on October 31, 2015, the following 18 drinking water outlets had lead water level results greater than 15 parts per billion. Each of these 18 outlets is listed below with its sample results, including a description of the potential source(s) of lead, and recommended actions for the school to take.

Outlet: Bubbler Drinking Fountain (01DW001)

Location: West corner, Gymnasium Multipurpose Room

Results: P1=32 parts per billion, P2=6 parts per billion
F01=5 parts per billion, F02=3 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler itself. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and is believed to have a brass valve. The connection piping with the unit may also contain some brass components.

Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead-free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.



Outlet: Water Cooler Fountain (01WC002)

Location: Hallway between Gym and Auditorium, northeast side

Results: P1=17 parts per billion, P2=17 parts per billion

F01=12 parts per billion, F02=3 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the water cooler unit. The water cooler is an Elkay model LKEZFS8. This model contains some brass components. Connecting plumbing to the cooler unit may also contain brass components.

Replacement of the entire unit is recommended and will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.



Outlet: Sink Faucet (01CF004)

Location: Classroom 109, northwest wall

Results: P1=17 parts per billion, P2=10 parts per billion

F01=1 part per billion, F02=2 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Hot and cold water lines connect to this faucet with a brass mixer fitting under the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink may also contain additional brass components.

Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.



This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (02DW020)

Location: Classroom 201, southeast wall

Results: P1=37 parts per billion, P2=24 parts per billion

F01=2 parts per billion, F02=non-detect

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. The bubbler also has a chrome plated brass flow regulator installed between the operating valve and the outlet. The connecting plumbing is copper with lead solder and includes a brass shut off valve.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead-free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Sink Faucet (02CF022)

Location: Classroom 202, northwest wall

Results: P1=7 parts per billion, P2=24 parts per billion

F01=2 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is made up of brass connectors; copper piping with lead solder and brass shut off valves.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (01DW013)

Location: Classroom 104, southwest wall

Results: P1=43 parts per billion, P2=106 parts per billion

F01=3 parts per billion, F02=2 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is made up of brass connectors; copper piping with lead solder, and a brass shut off valve.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Sink Faucet (01CF014)

Location: Classroom 104, southwest wall

Results: P1=36 parts per billion, P2=36 parts per billion

F01=2 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is made up of brass connectors; copper piping with lead solder and brass shut off valves.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (02DW027)

Location: Classroom 204, southwest wall

Results: P1=18 parts per billion, P2=8 parts per billion

F01=2 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. The bubbler also has a chrome plated brass flow regulator installed between the operating valve and the outlet. The connecting plumbing is copper with lead solder and includes a brass shut off valve.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (02DW029)

Location: Classroom 205, northeast wall

Results: P1=39 parts per billion, P2=14 parts per billion

F01=11 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is made up of brass connectors and copper piping with lead solder.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (02DW031)

Location: Classroom 206, southwest wall

Results: P1=84 parts per billion, P2=7 parts per billion

F01=1 part per billion, F02=non-detect

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. The bubbler also has a chrome plated brass flow regulator installed between the operating valve and the outlet. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink should be checked for brass components and copper piping with lead solder.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Sink Faucet (01CF016)

Location: Classroom 106, northeast wall

Results: P1=402 parts per billion, P2=61 parts per billion

F01=4 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is partly made up of brass connectors; copper piping with lead solder, and brass shut off valves.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlet: Sink Faucet (02CF032)

Location: Classroom 207, northeast wall

Results: P1=21 parts per billion, P2=23 parts per billion

F01=5 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is partly made up of brass connectors; copper piping with lead solder, and brass shut off valves.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (02DW033)

Location: Classroom 207, northeast wall

Results: P1=20 parts per billion, P2=4 parts per billion

F01=3 parts per billion, F02=3 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. Parts of this bubbler fixture are made of brass and it has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink is partly made up of brass connectors; copper piping with lead solder, and a brass shut off valve.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Bubbler Fountain (02DW035)

Location: Classroom 208, southwest wall

Results: P1=12 parts per billion, P2=19 parts per billion

F01=6 parts per billion, F02=3 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the bubbler and its connecting plumbing. This bubbler fixture is made of chrome plated brass and has a brass connector on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink should be checked for brass components and copper piping with lead solder.



Replacement of this bubbler tap and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

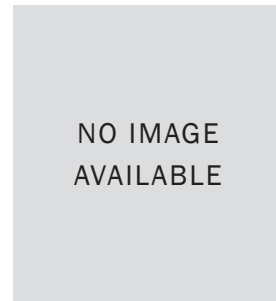
Outlet: Sink Faucet (02CF034)

Location: Classroom 208, southwest wall

Results: P1=19 parts per billion, P2=12 parts per billion

F01=3 parts per billion, F02=2 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink should be checked for brass components and copper piping with lead solder.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

Outlet: Kitchen Faucet (01KC019)

Location: Room 108, southwest wall

Results: P1=17 parts per billion, P2=5 parts per billion

F01=4 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. This fixture appears to be a Delta two handled faucet. This model faucet typically has a brass tube in its deck body and may contain some additional brass components. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink should be checked for brass components and copper piping with lead solder.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlet: Sink Faucet (02CF036)

Location: Classroom 209, southwest wall

Results: P1=7 parts per billion, P2=21 parts per billion

F01=5 parts per billion, F02=1 part per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The base of this faucet is chrome plated brass, and has a brass connection on the underside of the sink. Hot and cold water lines connect to this faucet with a brass mixer fitting under the sink. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink may also contain additional brass connectors and copper plumbing with lead solder.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlet: Kitchen Faucet, Left (04KC043)

Location: Outbuilding Unit 2 DHHS Office

Results: P1=17 parts per billion, P2=3 parts per billion
F01=2 parts per billion, F02=3 parts per billion

These results suggest the highest contribution of lead may be from the faucet and its connecting plumbing. The faucet is a Delta 400. This model faucet valve has brass components. This style faucet also has a mixing valve that may allow mixing of hot and cold water. Connecting plumbing in the cabinet under the sink may also contain brass components.



Replacement of this faucet and its connection plumbing with lead free materials will significantly reduce lead exposure at this location. If replacement is not currently feasible, sample results indicate that flushing this tap for 3 minutes following periods of stagnation is likely to reduce lead concentrations and lead exposure.

This faucet also has an aerator/screen at the outlet. If the faucet is not replaced, the aerator/screen should be removed, inspected for particulate accumulations, scrubbed clean, and reinstalled. If particulates are found, the aerator/screen should be periodically checked and cleaned.

Outlets With Lead Levels 15 Parts per Billion or Less

While the remaining 25 outlets showed sample results to be at levels requiring no further action, several recommendations have been identified.

The fourth sample (F02) at all 43 outlets following approximately 3 minutes of use and flushing at a reduced flow resulted in reduced lead concentrations of 3 parts per billion or less. This indicates that flushing of all taps used for drinking, cooking, and/or food preparation for 4 minutes following periods of stagnation will further reduce lead exposure. It is recommended that a flushing operational procedure be developed for use by staff responsible for plumbing operations and maintenance with emphasis on flushing after weekends and holidays.

Seventeen of these twenty five outlets are comprised of similar materials as the outlets listed above and could potentially experience higher lead levels under extended periods of stagnation. These faucets/fountains include:

- Sink Side Bubbler Units in Classroom 109 (01DW003), Classroom 101 (01DW007), Classroom 102 (01DW009), Classroom 202 (02DW023), Classroom 103 (01DW011), Classroom 203 (02DW025), Classroom 106 (01DW015), Classroom 107 (01DW017), and Classroom 209 (02DW037)
- Chrome Plated Brass Base Faucets in Classroom 101 (01CF008), Classroom 201 (02CF021), Classroom 103 (01CF012), Classroom 203 (02CF024), Classroom 204 (02CF026), Classroom 205 (02CF028), and Classroom 107 (01CF018)
- Delta 400 Model Faucet in Out Building Unit 2 (04KC044)

Replacement of these fixtures with lead free materials is also recommended.

The remaining eight outlets showed sample results of 15 parts per billion or less, requiring no further action or additional recommendations. These faucets/fountains include:

- Sink Faucets in Classroom 102 (01CF010) and the Clinic (01CF006)
- Kitchen Faucets in the Community Room Kitchen (01KC005), Classroom 206 (02CF030), Out Building Unit 1 (03KC040 and 03KC041)
- Water Coolers in Out Building Unit 1 (03DW038 and 03DW039)

Consecutive Sampling Results and Building Plumbing Recommendations

The consecutive samples taken on October 31, 2015, at three sites in the main school building and one site from each of the two out building units all provide additional confirmation that the highest contribution of lead appears to be from the individual faucet/fountains and not from the larger diameter supply plumbing within the main school building or the two out building units. Results of the consecutive sample monitoring are listed in the table below.

Consecutive Sample No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LOCATION	LEAD RESULT (PARTS PER BILLION; ND = NOT-DETECTED)									
Classroom 109 Sink Faucet (01CF004)	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Classroom 102 Sink Faucet (01CF010)	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Classroom 209 Sink Faucet (02CF036)	3	1	1	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Out Building Unit 1 Kitchen Faucet (03KC040)	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Out Building Unit 2 Kitchen Faucet (04KC044)	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1	1	ND	ND

Outlets With Copper Levels Greater Than 1.3 Parts per Million

The DEQ recommends school facilities take action if samples from any drinking water outlets show copper levels greater than 1.3 parts per million. Based on the sampling conducted at 43 faucets/fountains on October 31, 2015, the following two drinking water outlets both located in Outbuilding Unit 1, had copper water level results greater than 1.3 parts per million. These two outlets are listed below with their sample results. While the remaining two outlets in Outbuilding Unit 1 had satisfactory copper results, copper results from all four outlets in Outbuilding Unit 1, along with the consecutive sample results for Outbuilding Unit 1, suggests that copper leaching is occurring in the building plumbing and copper service line due to excessive stagnation and lack of use. Additional work with the school will be performed by the DEQ to address this issue.

Outlet: Kitchen Faucet, Left (03KC041)

Location: Outbuilding Unit 1, Proposed Preschool

Results: P1=0.33 parts per million, P2=1.84 parts per million
F01=1.07 parts per million, F02=1.12 parts per million



Outlet: Water Cooler, Left (03DW038)

Location: Outbuilding Unit 1, Proposed Preschool

Results: P1=2.77 parts per million, P2=1.37 parts per million
F01=1.2 parts per million, F02=1.03 parts per million

